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## PLASTIC WASTE

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight concluded a hearing to examine the impact of plastic use and identifying solutions for reducing plastic waste, after receiving testimony from John Peterson Myers, Environmental Health Sciences, Crozet, Virginia; Judith Enck, Beyond Plastics, Poestenkill, New York; Matt Seaholm, Plastics Industry Association, Washington, D.C.; and Eric Hartz, Nexus Circular, Atlanta, Georgia.

## RUSSIAN ACTIVITY ACROSS AFRICA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy received a closed brief-

ing on Russian activity across Africa from Nicholas Berliner, Deputy Assistant Secretary of European and Eurasian Affairs, and Ervin Massinga, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of African Affairs, both of the Department of State.

## PROMOTING HEALTHY AND AFFORDABLE FOOD

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine promoting healthy and affordable food for older Americans, after receiving testimony from Jeremy Everett, Baylor University Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty, Waco, Texas; Temitope Aiyejorun Walker, Georgia Department of Human Services, Atlanta; Tom Gilroy, East Cooper Community Outreach, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina; and Elayne Masters, Gibsonia, Pennsylvania.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 40 public bills, H.R. 9567–9606; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 103; and H. Res. 1525–1527, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2641, to amend the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 to authorize pumped storage hydro-power development utilizing multiple Bureau of Reclamation reservoirs (H. Rept. 117–644);

H.R. 2415, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to permanently plug, remediate, and reclaim orphaned wells and the surrounding lands and to provide funds to States and Tribal Governments to permanently plug, remediate, and reclaim orphaned wells and the surrounding lands, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–645);

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress. Final Report Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress (H. Rept. 117–646); and

H. Res. 1475, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Defense to transmit to the House of Representatives any record created on or after January 21, 2021, under the control of the President or the Secretary, respectively, that refers to the Department of Defense and includes certain

terms and phrases relating to gender, adversely, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–647). **Page H9901**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, Greenleaf Christian Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina. **Page H9857**

**VA Employee Fairness Act:** The House passed H.R. 1948, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify authorities relating to the collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 219 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 530. **Pages H9863–66**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–71 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H9863**

H. Res. 1518, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1948), (S. 3905), (S. 4003), the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1437), and the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 2617) was agreed to yesterday, December 14th. Puerto Rico Status Act: The House passed H.R. 8393, to enable the people of Puerto Rico to choose a permanent, nonterritorial, fully self-governing political status for Puerto Rico and to provide for a transition to and the implementation of that permanent, nonterritorial, fully self-governing political status, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 233 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 529.

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Rejected the McClintock motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources, by a yea-and-nay vote of 209 yeas to 217 nays, Roll No. 528. **Pages H9880–82**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–74 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill. **Page H9867**

H. Res. 1519, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8393) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 527, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H9859–63**

Senate Referrals: S. 1143 was held at the desk. S. 2135 was held at the desk. S. 3429 was held at the desk. S. 4460 was held at the desk. S. 4893 was held at the desk. **Pages H9885–86**

Senate Message: Message from the Senate received today appears on pages H9885–86.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H9862–63, H9880–81, H9881–82, and H9882–83.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **EXAMINING UVALDE: THE SEARCH FOR BIPARTISAN SOLUTIONS TO GUN VIOLENCE**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing

entitled “Examining Uvalde: The Search for Bipartisan Solutions to Gun Violence”. Testimony was heard from Roland Gutierrez, State Senator, Texas; and public witnesses.

### **FITARA 15.0**

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “FITARA 15.0”. Testimony was heard from Chris DeRusha, Federal Chief Information Security Officer and Deputy National Cyber Director for Federal Cybersecurity, Office of Management and Budget; Jason Gray, Chief Information Officer, U.S. Agency for International Development; Carol C. Harris, Director, Information Technology and Cybersecurity, Government Accountability Office; and Jennifer Franks, Director, Information Technology and Cybersecurity, Government Accountability Office.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### **Senate**

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the U.S. Capitol Police, 3:30 p.m., SR–301.

#### **House**

No hearings are scheduled.